

HUMANE SOCIETY WORK.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

THE SOCIETY IN GOOD CONDITION.

H. H. Everhard Elected President for the ensuing year.—The Agent Makes a Report and shows that Much Good Work Has Been Accomplished.

The annual meeting of the Massillon Humane Society was held Thursday night at the Union National Bank. Owing to the absence of the secretary, Miss Corns, who is now en route to Europe, Mrs. C. McC. Everhard acted in that capacity. The following were nominated and unanimously elected as the officers of the society for one year:

President, H. H. Everhard.
First vice president, Albert M. Wetter.
Second vice president, Mrs. Jane R. Beatty.
Counselor, Otto E. Young.
Secretary, Mrs. C. McC. Everhard.
Treasurer, James H. Hunt.
Directors, Mrs. Caroline Frank, Robert P. Skinner, Miss Folger, Edmund Pease, Mrs. Gates, Miss Corns.

The agent, T. Getz, who has been in the employ of the society for only a few months, reported thirteen cases investigated in that time. On Dec. 22 a case of underfeeding a horse was looked into and better treatment enforced. On Dec. 23 facts were found to be somewhat exaggerated in the case of reported neglect of a child, who turned out to be a truant, and who obtained required care when willing to return home. On Dec. 29 the neglect of an infant was looked into, the child being 8 months old. Papers were made out for the commitment of the child to the Fairmount Home, but were not served, the mother agreeing to do better. This she is now doing. Some horses were found on Dec. 29 working on a grade with sore shoulders. They were taken out of harness and proper remedies applied. On Jan. 4 a horse with a sore shoulder was ordered out of harness. Jan. 11 reported cruelty to a child was investigated and better treatment is now being accorded. February 18 a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed upon a defendant who left his horse hitched to a post for fifteen hours. On February 20th a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed upon a man who was working a horse with sore shoulders, and who had been remonstrated before. On March 13th a defendant who shot a dog and permitted it to suffer for four days was fined \$5 and costs. Two other cases were looked into. The report, which goes upon the details of the various cases, was ordered filed. Thereupon the society adjourned.

The work of the society is constantly growing and the impression seems to prevail that the organization has funds with which to carry out its plans. Indeed, sometimes criticism is indulged in because the society does not do more. The truth is the society is dependent upon the annual dues of its members, one dollar each, and is frequently hard pressed for means. Those who approve of the objects of the society, and who appreciate its moral influence upon the community, should come to its support.

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS.

CANAL FULTON LETTER.

CANAL FULTON, April 1.—Miss Rachel Jackson, a maiden lady aged about 60 years, was found dead in bed at her residence on the west side, this morning. She retired in her usual health last evening, with no premonition that the end was so near. She was a life-long resident of this place, and was a highly respected Christian lady. Albert Fellmuth sold his restaurant and dining hall to Messrs. John Williams and John Stitz yesterday morning. The purchasers are bright, wide-awake and obliging young men with hosts of friends, who wish them success in their new venture. C. J. Duncan, a young and wide-awake Massillonian, who conducted a jewelry business here for the past year, yesterday packed up his worldly possessions and returned to his native heath, and for the future can be found on West Main street in the room formerly occupied by Leo Von Kanel. We know of several young people here, of the female persuasion, who will miss Curt.

A FIRE AT ORRVILLE.

ORRVILLE, April 1.—The dwelling house of the Gift heirs caught fire yesterday afternoon from sparks from the burning of brush on the streets, which the street commissioner was ordered to burn by the city council. The fire company was called out to extinguish the fire, which did considerable damage to the building as well as the contents, belonging to A. Cotterman. The corporation will have to repair and make good all the damage, it is said. The house was situated on South Main street and was not in very good repair.

A FIRE AT NAVARRE.

NAVARRE, April 2.—Mrs. Fred Salburg heard the fire alarm on Wednesday, and she left her ironing to see where it was. She was much terrified to discover that the roof of her own home was ablaze, but the thought that the house was insured for \$500 and its contents for \$100 comforted her. Most of the latter were saved, but the building was totally destroyed. Her husband was at work at the time. A meeting of the stockholders of the Navarre Glass, Marble and Specialty Company will be held this evening to elect officers and adopt a constitution

and by-laws. Dr. S. J. Shetler intends to add another story to the old Clemons property and make other improvements that will put the building on par with the best in the town.

THE NEW RAILROAD.

WEST LEBANON, April 2.—A party of surveyors passed through town today. They were taking the general contour of the country for Mr. Camp's proposed new railroad, the Sandusky, Ashland and Southern. From here they went to Apple Creek. The stopped at Mart Cards store for a while and were the center of an interested group of villagers.

COURT HOUSE AND COUNTY.

An Alliance Plaintiff Gets Damages—Primary Election Bills.

CANTON, April 1.—The jury in the case of Celestine L. Akins vs. the city of Alliance, returned a verdict for the plaintiff at 6 o'clock last night, awarding \$1,000. Suit was brought to recover \$3,000 for damage to the Akins property by the construction of an over-head bridge.

The guardian of Robert E. and Harry J. Patton, of Canton, has filed his third partial account. The final account and resignation of the guardian of Ada R. Gaskell, of Marlboro township, has been filed and accepted. The bond of the assignee of Jackson S. Wolf, of Osnaburg township, has been filed and approved. The will of Elizabeth Swallen, of Paris township, has been admitted to probate. In the guardianship of Stephen Stoner, of Bethlehem township, a petition to sell ward's land has been filed.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Erskine E. Allison and Martha A. Antram, of Alliance; A. Clark Oberlin and Daisy I. Shilling, of Stanwood; John Lawrence and Eliza Touser, of Canton.

Among the statements of expenditures filed by candidates with the county clerk, Wednesday, were the following from Massillon: George B. Eggert, candidate for city solicitor, \$28; Robert Reay, councilman, third ward, \$1; H. V. Kramer, councilman, first ward, nothing; Robert Bell, councilman, second ward, not one cent; Harriet Doddridge, school board, \$1; John Bell, assessor, second ward, \$1; Frank L. Hemperly, township treasurer, \$10.65; H. C. LeBeau, assessor, Richville precinct, \$1.

Peter Swallen was taken to the penitentiary on Wednesday to serve a sentence of three years for perjury. John Eisenhauser has received a like sentence for the same offense, but a stay has been granted pending the hearing of the case in circuit court.

WILL HAVE A MONASTERY.

CANAL DOVER Catholic Plans—Wants to Go to England.

CANAL DOVER, April 2.—The Catholics of this city will shortly begin the erection of a new church and monastery near the site of the present church on Factory street. There has been considerable opposition to the church here ever since it was founded, but despite this fact, the membership has constantly increased, and a parochial school has been added. Donations for the new church have been many and generous. Ground will be broken for the new structure Easter Monday.

P. Arnold, owner of the Dover Fire Brick Company, is an applicant for a consulate to England. Mr. Arnold has behind him many prominent politicians from this district, and believes he has a good show for appointment. He is English born.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

SETH GEORGE HOSE.

The immediate cause of the death of Seth George Hose, which occurred at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hose, at 231 Akron street, was peritonitis, superinduced by appendicitis. One week ago Wednesday he performed some very heavy labor for M. C. Cary, the drayman, and sustained internal injuries. The same day he was bedridden, but the physicians say that the accident was in no manner connected with his death. During the past few days he had suffered intensely. At 2 o'clock Thursday morning he lapsed into unconsciousness and remained in that state until the end. Mr. Hose was 21 years of age and was one of a family of eight children. He was an unusually strong young man, and possessed such confidence in his powers that he often attempted tasks too great for his strength. He was born in Massillon and had lived here all his life.

MRS. MARY CALDWELL.

William Caldwell, of this city, has been notified of the death of his mother, at her home near Sipso, of dropsy, at the age of 79 years. Her husband and several children survive her.

MRS. JOHN BRICKMAN.

Mrs. John Brickman died at her home in Crystal Spring, early Friday morning. She was about 80 years old. Her husband is an inmate of the Stark county infirmary.

Death of a Well-Known Minister.

CINCINNATI, April 3.—[By Associated Press]—The Rev. Andrew Ritchie, D. D., died at Wyoming, O., today, aged 76. He was born in Scotland, received a theological education at Oxford, O., and served the Greenville, O., church for twelve years. He had been for thirty-two years secretary of the Western Tract Society, and was the author of several religious works and editor of the Christian Press, of this city.

A Youthful Murderer.

WARREN, O., April 3.—[By Associated Press]—During a fight between Sherb Kear and Jesse Reaser, both 10 years old, Reaser struck Kear a blow under the heart. Kear is not expected to live, and Reaser has been arrested.

MISS ANTHONY'S REPLY.

The President of the Suffrage Association Writes a Letter.

AN EXCELLENT "ANTIDOTE."

Something About That "Movement Among Women Against Woman Suffrage" and What Susan B. Anthony Really Said to Mrs. Corbin About Her Boys.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Mrs. Caroline Corbin, a leader in literary circles here, has organized a movement among women against woman suffrage. A memorial is to be sent to the Legislature asking its members to oppose the extension of so-called "women rights."

"What caused me to begin this work," said Mrs. Corbin, "was something Miss Anthony said to me many years ago. Susan B. and I were girls together and years later we met in Washington for the first time after my marriage."

"Ah," said Susan, "and what have you been doing all these years?" "Bringing up my four boys," I answered. "Boys, boys!" exclaimed my old schoolmate with scorn, "What under the sun is a woman with your brains doing with four boys?"

"And you would have me strangle them?" I replied. "Bosh!" said Susan, "you never should have had 'em. Boys indeed! What will become of them, pray? Why, they'll grow to be men—nothing but men—and what will they amount to in the world?" "From that time," continued Mrs. Corbin, "I have been resolved to work against the equal suffrage cause."

This telegram, published in the New York World, was referred to Mrs. C. McC. Everhard, who was asked if she thought that Miss Anthony had really said these unkind things about boys in general and Mrs. Corbin's boys in particular. Mrs. Everhard gave it as her opinion that if Miss Anthony ever did make the remarks in question, she made them in pure fun, and that Mrs. Corbin's must be a peculiarly sensitive nature to have been affected by them in the way which she describes. A few days later Mrs. Everhard enclosed the clipping to Miss Anthony, asking her how much truth there really was in the statement, and the answer seems to show that besides this extreme sensitiveness, Mrs. Corbin has also the gift of imagination. Miss Anthony's letter in part is as follows:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 16, 1897.

My dear Mrs. Everhard: That wretched woman's perversion went out from Chicago on March 10, and found a ready place in every daily paper in the nation. I do not know Mrs. Corbin's maiden name, nor did I ever know her personally except through correspondence relative to her novel, "Rebecca or a Woman's Secret," very many copies of which I gave as a premium to persons for getting certain numbers of subscribers for my paper, "The Revolution," in the years of 1868, '69 and '70. I may have met her in Chicago. I do not remember, but along in the eighties I met her at the Riggs House in Washington. I have no recollection of any such talk as she tells of, but if I did thus retort to her it was in sheerest fun. I have not answered the item for the simple reason that to do so will do more to advertise Mrs. Corbin and her anti-club than to catch up and antidote her intended injury. Do you not remember that she wrote under the nom de plume of "Chimney Corner" in the Chicago Tribune a few years ago, and that old Geo. Brown, of Georgia, gave her whole silly stuff as his adverse report in the United States Senate? It was all mighty weak slush!"

WILL WRESTLE HERE.

Featheringham and Bennet Sign Articles of Agreement.

Robert Featheringham, of Massillon, and Frank Bennet, of Pigeon Run, have signed articles to wrestle in this city for a purse of \$20 on the evening of April 14. The backers of the two men called at THE INDEPENDENT office Thursday evening and deposited forfeits. Catch-as-catch-can rules will govern and two falls in three will be required to win. Both Featheringham and Bennet are able wrestlers, and although they meet at catch weights the contest will be a close and exciting one. Joseph Ehret, who is backing Bennet, has the matter in charge and will arrange a programme which will include several friendly sparring bouts. With the exception of flying falls the rules have not been modified, thus the strangling hold is permitted. Both men are training hard, and Featheringham is being looked after by Otto Klever. The referee will be chosen at the ring-side.

LEGAL IN ITS NATURE.

Judge Day and His Mission as United States Commissioner to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—It is expected that Judge William R. Day, of Canton, who is to visit Cuba as the special commissioner of President McKinley, to investigate the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, as well as, in a general way, to examine into the situation on the island, will arrive in Washington about the middle or latter part of next week. He will spend as much time as may be necessary in an examination of the papers in the state department bearing upon the Ruiz case, and, after a thorough understanding with the President, will proceed to Havana. So far as it relates to the Ruiz case, Judge Day's mission to Cuba will be purely legal in its nature, and not in any sense diplomatic.

COURT HOUSE AND COUNTY.

The Democratic County Chairman Files His Report of Expenses.

CANTON, April 2.—Next week will conclude the January term of common pleas court, and on Friday an adjournment to May 3 will be enacted. Thirty cases have been assigned for hearing next week, fifteen each to Judges McCarty and Taylor. There will be no court on Monday, election day. The cases assigned to Judge Taylor include those of Miller vs. the C. L. & W. railway, and Crutenden vs. the Massillon Bridge Company.

Stephen Shriver, a Jackson township farmer, assigned at 4:20 o'clock Thursday afternoon to John H. Sponseller. The assets are given at \$6,000, but no estimate of the liabilities is made.

On his own motion Joseph A. Pierson has been granted leave to file answer and cross petition to the petition for sale of land in the assignment of George W. Sponseller, of New Berlin. The wills of Rosa Figneschue and Joseph D. Figneschue, of Canton, have been filed for probate. The eighth partial account has been filed by the guardian of Harriet Farber, of Pike township.

A marriage license has been granted to Garvion J. Naftziger and Dora H. Stump, of Canton.

Suit has been brought against the board of commissioners of Stark county by Dr. Henry F. Barnes. He asks for damages in the sum of \$296. He alleges in his petition that he fell on the sidewalk in front of the court house and sustained a fracture of an arm, February 26. He further alleges that the sidewalk was very slippery by reason of boys skating thereon, and that he was knocked down by a boy striking him.

E. L. Rorer, treasurer of the Democratic central committee, has filed an official statement with Clerk Casselman of receipts and disbursements for the primary election held in Massillon March 13. The total receipts from candidates were \$24. This sum was disposed of in the following manner: Independent Co., \$1.70; Oatman Printing Co., \$8; Judges and clerks, \$10; George Frantz, secretary, \$2.50; postal cards, 65 cents; stationery, \$1.15.

Treasurer T. J. Palm, of the Canton committee, received \$148.50 through assessing candidates and the total amount was disposed of. The central committee men received \$32, and J. M. Myers's fees for drafting various petitions and the official ticket aggregate \$60.

MINING SCALE TROUBLE.

President Farms Refers to the Jackson County Conditions.

COLUMBUS, April 2.—President Farms, of the Ohio division, and President W. Phelps, of the Jackson county sub-district, are in the city consulting with Eational Secretary Pearce, of the United Mine Workers of America, in reference to conditions in the Jackson county district. The matter under consideration was a machine now being run at the Wellston Coal Company mines, for which they say the Superintendent refuses joint blank to pay the scale rates. It is a singular fact that Jackson county operators have heretofore only contended for the rates that prevail in the Hocking district, but in this instance the superintendent is said not only to have refused to pay that rate, but demands the privilege of setting up a scale of his own. The officials have argued that that would not only be unfair to the other operators, but that it would be establishing a precedent that would work a hardship along the line to both operators and miners.

Just what action will be taken has not been fully determined on, but it is certain that active measures will be taken to put a stop to a matter that will work a hardship all along the line.

President Farms will next week visit Cleveland and will hold mass meetings at Goshen, Piketon and Wainwright mines, and the Conesville mines near Coshocton, where his attention is demanded. At the Morgan Run mine the operator has introduced an innovation in the way of screening that is claimed to work a decided hardship to the miners employed there. An effort will be made to have the screens made to comply with the standard screen now in existence and the effort will be made in such a way that the superintendent will see the injustice of his present plan for screening the coal produced at the mine.

Charles Solomon has begun a replevin suit against Constable Harry Buck, of Canal Fulton, involving a stock of ladies' and men's furnishing goods. The attachment was issued by Justice Kittinger, of Lawrence township. Solomon also prays for damages in the sum of \$156 by forcible detention.

Aid for the Flood Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—[By Associated Press]—The chief of the weather bureau says the river at Vicksburg began to rise again, and rise from there to mouth to continue indefinitely. The Mississippi rises its entire length, except from Memphis to Vicksburg. It is above the danger line at St. Paul, and nearing it from Keokuk to St. Louis. The President has called on the governors of states for a statement of the needs for flood sufferers, with a view to calling the attention of congress to the necessity of providing relief.

Evans May be Senator.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 3.—[By Associated Press]—Congressman Walter Evans, who has kept aloof from factional fights, is mentioned as the man upon whom all can unite for senator. Many members are absent. The agreement to cast one vote for each candidate was carried out.

Wright's Celery Tea cures constipation, sick headache, 75c at druggists.

HAD NO SWALLOW TAIL.

So Representative Bailey Did not Go to the Dinner.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY URGED HIM.

A Man Can Wear the Sort of Clothes that Suit Him Best Under This Administration News and Interesting Gossip from the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President McKinley entertained at dinner, Friday evening, the members of the ways and means committee. Representative Bailey of Texas, the Democratic leader in the House, was, of course, invited, but went to the White House yesterday to present his regrets at not being able to attend because he had never worn a dress suit in his life, and felt that to go in ordinary attire would make him look out of place. "But, Mr. Bailey," said the President, "this is an American administration, and every man who comes can wear the sort of clothes that suits him. Now, I want you to come, and come wearing the clothes you want to wear."

But Mr. Bailey was resolute and did not go. The President entertained, Thursday night, all those in the present congress who served with him while a member. This includes some who are now in the Senate. It was a "stag" party, only gentlemen being present.

It is understood that the contest for assistant secretary of the navy, to succeed William McAdoo, has narrowed down to a finish fight between Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Henry J. Raymond, of Germantown, Pa. Senators Quay and Penrose have heretofore been supporting ex-Congressman John B. Robinson, of Pennsylvania, but when they saw that there was no chance of his appointment they dropped him and took up Raymond, who is a son of the late Henry J. Raymond, the well known editor of the New York Times, and who at one time acted as secretary to Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy when he was secretary of the navy. Mr. Raymond is editor of a Germantown paper, and with the backing of the two Pennsylvania senators, who are getting a fair share of patronage, he hopes to be successful. Mr. Roosevelt is being earnestly urged by Senator Lodge, and it is asserted that he has the backing of Secretary Long.

Shortly before 6 o'clock last evening General William M. Osborne, of Boston, who was recently appointed consul general to London, resigned the position of secretary of the Republican national committee. His resignation was tendered to Senator Hanna, as chairman of the committee, and was by him at once accepted. A few minutes afterward Chairman Hanna appointed Major Charles Dick, of Akron, secretary of the committee. The appointment carries with it a salary of \$5,000 a year.

The Washington Star said last evening: "The many jocular remarks about the great number who were slated to get office have given way to more serious observations of the division of the patronage up to date. A study of this shows that Ohio has so far got little. The four big places abroad went to sections of the country which were supposed to have been most bitterly hostile to President McKinley when his fight for the Republican nomination was on hand. New York gets two of the ambassadorships, Massachusetts gets another, and the District of Columbia the fourth. The next best place, the mission to Austria, went to Pennsylvania. This has been the same as to other good positions. Leaving out the cabinet places, Ohio has really had but one appointment so far. That was Colonel Brigham, as assistant secretary of agriculture. Major Butterworth's appointment as commissioner of patents is not considered by many as chargeable to Ohio."

STARK COUNTY'S TREASURY.

The Semi-Annual Examination Completed Today.

CANTON, April 3.—The county commissioners and county auditor today completed their semi-annual examination of the Stark county treasury. Their report is an exceptionally favorable one, reflecting creditably upon the efficiency of Treasurer Gebb and his deputies. The books were found to be absolutely correct, also ample funds to meet all obligations. The total assets of the office are estimated at \$96,321.32 of which \$26,250 belongs to the county fund.

Canton has a total balance of \$65,079.60, the Canton water works a balance of \$2,185.41 and the park commission a balance of \$2500. Over and above all demands on the treasury the treasurer has to his credit a balance of \$2,328.85.

THE LADDER SLIPPED.

And William Stuhldreher Sustained Serious Injuries.

William Stuhldreher, who resides in Jackson township, just north of town, was pruning an apple tree on Thursday. He did not notice that the ladder on which he stood was slipping until too late, and in the fall he sustained two fractured ribs and internal injuries. Although he is 28 years of age, Dr. B. J. Miller has good hopes for his recovery. Mr. Stuhldreher has no family.

The Record is Broken.

I. R. Dangler has worked behind the counter selling dry goods for sixty-seven years, therefore has concluded not to sell goods any longer. He says: "If any of my old friends wish to see me in business or otherwise they will find me at Humburger's dry goods house."

CANTON AND COURT HOUSE.

Items of Interest from the County Seat—Probate Court Notes.

CANTON, April 3.—The cases of Blanch Jagerst vs. Henry McNeal, and Minnie Rohrer vs. Frank Witmer, were disposed of yesterday and the jury was dismissed until Tuesday of next week. Both defendants were found guilty of the charges preferred and each ordered to pay the respective plaintiffs \$500. In default of payment they were committed to jail.

Henrietta Walker has applied for a divorce from Jacob Walker, whom she married in September, 1864. Mrs. Walker charges her husband with extreme cruelty, non-support and habitual drunkenness. She also desires alimony and the custody of the minor children.

The will of Charles Trump, of Washington township, has been filed for probate. In the assignment of Wm. H. Stahl, of Navarre, a petition for sale of real estate has been filed and sale ordered. An application for allowance to assignor in lieu of homestead has also been filed. The guardians of Harvey, Mathias and Minnie Sell, of Paris township, and Hazel and Lottie Hopper, of Alliance, have filed final accounts. In the assignment of Frank Wallace, of Alliance, public sale of chattel property has been ordered. The will of Hilary Lux, of Massillon, has been filed for probate.

MR. YOCKEY IS HAPPY.

His Appointment as Postmaster at Canal Fulton Assured.

CANAL FULTON, April 3.—The happiest man in the community this morning is J. P. Yockey. He received information yesterday afternoon from Congressman Taylor that he would be recommended for postmaster at this place, and all last evening he was kept busy receiving congratulations and setting them up to the boys. We congratulate Mr. Taylor on his prompt and satisfactory disposition of this matter, as it gives universal satisfaction to our people, barring, of course, the disappointed candidates.

Mr. James Campbell, for many years a highly respected citizen of this place, died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, three miles west of town. He had for several years been sorely afflicted with asthma and heart disease.

Prof. Leeds, the famous hypnotist, began a four nights' engagement at the opera house last Wednesday evening, but failing the first night to hypnotize any of the dozen who subjected themselves to his wiles, he became disgusted and left town early Thursday morning.

BAD FIRE AT CHATTANOOGA.

Two Lives Lost and Great Damage to Property Sustained.

CHATTANOOGA, April 3.—[By Associated Press]—The Richardson block burned this morning. Boyd Ewing, receiver of the Harman Land Company, was burned to death. S. M. Patton, architect, is missing. The loss will be over half a million.

All the occupants of the building escaped except Boyd Ewing, one of the wealthiest men in the state, and S. M. Patton, one of the most prominent architects of the South. Ewing tried to climb down a fire escape, but fell from the top. Patton had no chance to escape, and his body is in the ruins. Nothing was saved from the building. The fire caught from the furnace in the basement and ran up the elevator shaft. The watchman was slow turning in alarm. Many lawyers had offices in the building, and lost valuable papers. Frank Carlock, a young lawyer, was badly injured by falling from a ladder while trying to save his papers in his office. The property was insured for about one-half.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Officers and Delegates Elected at the Friday Session.

The convention of the Stark County Sunday School Association, which was held in Canton on Thursday and Friday, was one of the most enthusiastic sessions held since its organization seven years ago. There were 133 delegates present. The closing meeting was held Friday night and was conducted by the Rev. L. H. Roper, of Canton. Friday morning devotional services were conducted by the Rev. F. H. Simpson, of Massillon. Prof. E. A. Jones, of Massillon, was present during the entire convention, and took an active part in the exercises.

The officers elected for the following year are as follows:

J. E. Morris, president; C. B. Heckman, recording secretary; Ella Holm, corresponding secretary; G. W. Miller, treasurer. Executive committee, E. A. Jones, O. W. Kurtz and Jacob Grossman. The delegates to the state convention from the various township are as follows: The Rev. N. A. Ernst, Bethlehem; William Kettering, Jackson; the Rev. H. J. Christman, Lake; J. H. Focht, Lawrence; Mary B. Logue, Marlboro; the Rev. D. G. Davidson, Nimishillen; John Mowl, Osnaburg; E. A. Ziminger, Paris; the Rev. J. L. Kimmel, Plain; Mrs. C. Kreichbaum, Pike; Albert Grubb, Sandy; W. S. Johnson, Sugar Creek; Mr. Antnam, Washington.

J. F. BOWMAN,

Of New Pittsburg, O., Recommends Wright's Celery Capsules.

New Pittsburg, O., Jan. 21, 1897. Dear Sirs:—I have purchased a box of Wright's Celery Capsules from Geo. J. Krueger, druggist, Wooster, O., and used them for Rheumatism and Stomach Trouble. The Capsules relieved me and I am now in excellent health. It is the best remedy I ever used. I am out in all kinds of weather carrying overland mail, and am now in perfect health. I gladly recommend the Capsules. Very truly,

J. F. BOWMAN.

BIG FARMERS' TRUST.

A Gigantic Combine Being Organized In This Country.

WILL CONTROL GRAIN MARKETS.

All Produce to Be Stored and Only Sold at the Orders of Boards of Directors. A Pennsylvania Now Organizing In Ohio—Features of the Organization.

TOLEDO, April 2.—A gigantic farmers' trust is now being organized in this country. One of the national organizers, registering as P. F. Brown, Johnstown, Pa., after being here some days, left his papers at the Jefferson House when he left for Columbus, and in this manner the secret leaked out. While here he conferred with leading legislators, such as ex-Representative Charles P. Griffin, Hon. Jonas Stanbery, who has been placed at the head of the organization in this section, and many others. Several branches were secretly organized and the order is strictly oath-bound. It originated at Lancaster, Pa., and was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as the Agriculturalists' National Protective association.

The supreme body is made up of one representative from each state, whose duties are similar to those of a board of directors of an ordinary corporation. Each state has a subordinate board of directors consisting of one representative from each congressional district. Each district, in turn, is governed by a board of two members from each county. Each county is under the immediate control of a board, ranging from 5 to 11 in number, who directs the movements of the township organizations.

It is the purpose to do nothing this year in the way of controlling the markets, because the organization is not yet complete. Next year, however, the crops will be limited to the actual living needs of the members of the organization.

If the plan is carried out, not a dollar's worth of farm produce of any kind will be sold for general consumption. After the year the 18th there will be erected or rented in each county in such numbers and so located as may seem best and most convenient, storehouses, in which all products for the market will be placed. These will be in the control of the county board of directors. From these warehouses the products will be shipped as the state and national directors may order and the quantities of goods sold in the immediate neighborhood will be regulated somewhat after the plan of the anthracite coal combine.

PLAIN TALK TO GERMANY.

Olney Had a Talk With the Ambassador Over Samoan Affairs.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Samoan affairs were much discussed last year between Secretary Olney and Baron Thielmann, the German ambassador here. The volume of foreign relations just published shows that the baron was obliged a year ago to call upon Secretary Olney to pay \$1,267 as the United States' share of maintaining old ex-King Mataafa, and took occasion to speak of the deficiencies in Samoan revenues and to ask the intentions of the United States as to remedial measures.

Secretary Olney paid the money and declared that the existing treaty was unsatisfactory to the United States, and should be modified or abrogated.

In his next letter the secretary, however, warned the ambassador that it was a grave error to assume to proceed as if the administration of Samoa were virtually and exclusively German, and expressed an anticipation that conciliatory and proper action would be enjoined upon the German consul at Apia. A little later on the ambassador in turn wound up a note to Secretary Olney by a blunt refusal to transmit his views to Berlin as requested and remarked that the secretary must issue suitable instructions to the United States ambassador at Berlin if he wished his views diametrically opposite to a former understanding—brought to the notice of the imperial government.

Secretary Olney came promptly back at the ambassador by an equally blunt contradiction of his statement, saying: "I have been unable to find any warrant for the conclusions you advance," and then the correspondence ran on, the secretary insisting on keeping the correspondence in Washington.

A MONETARY COMMISSION.

Indianapolis Convention Committee In Washington Advocating One.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Eleven of the 15 members of the executive committee appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention last January have been in the city for several days.

That convention, composed of business men delegated by the boards of trade of 100 cities, decided to urge a commission to investigate banking and currency laws with a view to their early revision, and the executive committee have decided to establish headquarters here in an effort to procure from congress such legislation at this session as will empower the president to appoint a committee to consider the subject before the regular session of congress convenes in December.

Rev. Alexander Proudft Dead.

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 3.—Rev. Alexander Proudft, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, died of heart trouble. He was for many years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in Baltimore.

Running Overtime.

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 3.—The big shops here of Warden, Bushnell & Glessner, of which Governor Bushnell is the head, are running 12½ hours per diem and after dark to keep up with orders.

First Fourth-Class Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The distinction of being the first fourth-class postmaster appointed by the administration has fallen on John P. Kelly of White Cloud, Kan.

The Insurgents Defeated.

MONTVIDEO, Uruguay, April 3.—The national troops have defeated the insurgents with heavy loss.

SHEDDING LIGHT.

How Electrical Appliances Are Now Utilized For This Purpose.

When electrical plants were first installed aboard ship, lead incased cables, run in ordinary molding, were used almost entirely, and in case of iron ships the hull was frequently employed for the return circuit. The latter method soon passed out of use, for it not only increased the fire hazard, but was inefficient mechanically, and also liable to give rise to disturbing influences on the ship's compasses.

Lead incased conductors in ordinary molding were used on the first two United States men-of-war having electric plants—the Triton and Omaha—but with unsatisfactory results in each case. In the latter ship, the electrical plant of which was installed by the writer in 1884, the lead incased port and starboard mains passed through holes bored in live oak knees, one hole to about each six feet of run, and the writer has a vivid recollection of the difficulties encountered in boring several hundred three-quarter and half inch holes through about eight inches of gnarled oak, very nearly as hard to pierce as some of the toughest metals. It is perhaps needless to say that the cost of labor and tools was no small item in the cost of installation.

Lead incased conductors were finally discarded, except in some special work, as the protection from injury to the insulation and from moisture, which the lead sheath was supposed to give, was found to be illusory. Dents caused short circuiting on the sheath of the conductors, while punctures, permitting the entrance of moisture, led to bad grounds as well as short circuits.

At the present day what may be called a composite system for the installation of the distributing conductors is employed. Equal security in all parts of the installation is the object kept in view, and to obtain this several systems are blended together as one. While molding and flexible conduits are used in the saloons and cabins, the conductors in the machinery spaces and holds are run in iron conduits, which are thoroughly insulated on the inside, and special fittings are employed in passing through the decks and bulkheads. Special water tight switches, cutouts and fixtures are also used wherever there is exposure to the weather.—E. G. Bernard in Cassier's Magazine.

BRIDAL FAVORS.

An Ancient and Curious German Wedding Custom.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Max von Blunzer writes of his experience as "A Page at the Berlin Court" upon the occasion of a double royal wedding and of the preceding and succeeding festivities. Describing an ancient and curious custom, he writes: "And now—after the wedding, dinner and ball—came the 'Fackeltanz.' Several of the highest officials entered the hall with flaming torches. A procession was formed, with the bride in the midst. A number of complicated polonaise figures were then executed, after which the line closed about the bride and groom and marched out as escort to the bridal chambers.

"As the doors of the bridal apartments closed upon the happy pair we found ourselves immediately next the entrance. We waited expectantly for the next feature, holding our advantageous position with some difficulty. In a few moments the doors flew open, and half a thousand silken garters, with the monograms embossed on the gold buckles, were thrown out by the ladies of honor. Court etiquette was for the nonce forgotten. Generals, courtiers, chamberlains and state ministers scrambled and fought with one another for these mementoes. But we pages, rest assured, got the lion's share. I have several of these souvenirs now, although many were given away by me that night to beseeching dignitaries."

Wildcat and Porcupine.

A large wildcat that had gone hungry three days sneaked down the big birch ridge above Bulygump, Me., with its face screwed into as ugly a snarl as ever a wildcat wore. Beyond the ridge, where the ground sank into a gullylike swamp, the wildcat found a fat porcupine on the ground. The cat evidently found the porcupine tempting to look on, for it promptly went on the hunt with all the craft it could exercise. Behind a hummock, along a snow ridge, over a fallen log and through a sprinkling of bush tops the cat made its way and approached the porcupine. Then it sprang and gripped its claws on its prey. It sought to roll the porcupine over so as to bite it on the belly. It succeeded only partially, and filled its jaws full of short quills from the porcupine's side. The porcupine died quickly, but the wildcat, with its jaws distended with the quills, could not eat the meat, being able only to lap up a little of the blood.

The agony to the wildcat was so great after awhile that the brute rolled over and over in the snow, finally forcing a quill through an eye and into its brain.—New York Sun.

Buttons.

Buttons are certainly as ancient as the siege of Troy, in the ninth century before our era, for, both in that unfortunate city and at Mycenae, Dr. Schliemann discovered objects of gold, silver and bronze which could have had no other use than that of buttons. In medieval times the clothing of the common people was generally fastened with wooden pegs of the type and form of those resorted to in emergencies by the country boy of the present day. Buttons covered with cloth were prohibited by George I, in 1720, to encourage the manufacture of metal buttons.

Seeking a Life of Ease.

"Why are you trying to get on the police force, Coker?"

"I've grown too heavy for any work requiring activity, sir."—Detroit Free Press.

MARKETS STILL WAIT

Dun Notes Some Sagging and Others Recovering.

BIG WOOL BUYING CONTINUES.

Iron and Steel Industry Staggered by the United States Supreme Court Decision, Effecting Railroads—Wheat Closed a Cent Lower.

NEW YORK, April 3.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, issued today, says: "The markets are still waiting, some sagging downward and others recovering. The vote of the house in favor of a new tariff bill has made no impression in business, since it has been expected since November that some measure of the same general character would become a law. If the bill stands, with its provision making new duties applicable April 1, chances are that foreign imports and treasury receipts may be for a time considerably restricted.

The market for products has been variable and uncertain. Wheat closes 1 cent lower than last week, and the May option has declined 2 cents, and western receipts for the week have been 2,781,557 bushels, against 1,951,205 bushels last year, while the Atlantic exports, flour included, have been 2,185,278 bushels, against 1,280,013 bushels last year. The movement of corn continues so large as to materially affect the demand for wheat, western receipts having been 1,918,862 bushels for the week, against 1,946,045 bushels last year, and Atlantic exports 4,291,629 bushels, against 1,065,396 bushels last year.

Current trade estimates regarding the wheat crop are a little more favorable and are somewhat more likely to prove reliable, as the advance of the season makes the condition of growing wheat better known. Cotton has not changed in price, although the floods in the southwest have doubtless done much harm.

The buying of wool by mills is still a noteworthy feature, being far in excess of current consumption, but there is a much greater volume of transactions between dealers, and at the three chief markets the sales for five weeks have been 63,725,200 pounds, against 35,377,676 in the same weeks of 1892, when the mills were well employed. Prices are very strong both here and at London, where the advance since the sale began is from 15 to 20 per cent, but there are feverish irregularities, indicating that holders are not all of one mind, and some remember that many large mills have taken stocks for a full year's consumption.

The iron and steel industry has been staggered, so to speak, by the decision of the supreme court, affecting railroads, since it is apprehended that purchases not only of rails, but of cars, locomotives and bridge materials may be affected. The demand for rails is still considerable, and one order is pending for 10,000 tons for Japan, but the reduction in Mesaba ore, with the want of agreement as yet among producers of hard ores, tends to encourage the belief in lower prices for finished products and so to hinder buying.

The great struggle between the ore producing companies of Mesaba has not yet so far developed that anybody can feel confident as to the future cost of iron. Meanwhile, with pig accumulating, although some furnaces have stopped production, the price of Bessemer at Pittsburgh is a shade lower at \$10.25 and Grey forge at \$9, but there are no quotable changes in prices of finished products, although the tone is rather weak. The new combination in cut nails only affects selling prices in eastern markets.

McKINLEY EXPECTS TO ATTEND.

Many Notable Men to Be at the Grant Memorial Dedication.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Although the details of the president's trip to New York to attend the dedication of the Grant memorial at Riverside park have not all been arranged, there is absolutely no doubt that he will, barring illness, be in attendance. A special train has been arranged for which probably will leave here on the evening of the 27th. The entire cabinet, the foreign ambassadors and others of the diplomatic corps and many members of the senate and house will accompany the presidential party.

President McKinley has a number of invitations to be present at memorial services on Decoration day, May 30, including one at Philadelphia and one in Missouri, but has not decided which one he will accept.

Artists to Sue a Borough.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 3.—The three Altoona artists, Adam Leak, C. McCormick and H. E. Miller, arrested and imprisoned here a few days ago, charged with violating an ordinance at Derry in soliciting business in the borough, will bring suit against the town to recover \$10,000 damages for false arrest. They were advised to take that course by their attorneys, who claim the ordinance is unconstitutional.

ANTICIPATE THE POWERS.

This Policy Urged on Greece by the Newspapers at Athens.

ATHENS, April 3.—The newspapers unanimously urge the government to take prompt action before the powers present an ultimatum. The decision of the government is not yet known if, indeed, a final decision has been reached, but it is believed in official circles that both the king and the cabinet will favor active measures.

It is reported here that there is great excitement among the Macedonians and Epirotes, in Thessaly, because of the rumors of excesses committed by the Turkish troops in Macedonia.

CANEA, Crete, April 3.—A body of insurgents fired several rounds at the Butsunaria blockhouse, which is occupied by the international troops. The Italian guns returned the fire.

Grant Declines a Job.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Colonel Frederick D. Grant has decided to decline President McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

"CHRONIC KICKERS"

There are many of them. Not a citizen of Massillon that does not have them in his household. It's the Old Story, too much to do; can't do the work. Backs forced to carry heavy burdens are not confined to toilers of the street. They are found "in every walk in life;" people of "high degree" have bad backs, too, because they all have kidneys. Do you know what kidneys are for? They filter the blood, take out the poisons. Filters can only work just so fast try to crowd them, they become blocked; they they kick; that's the time to help them, otherwise they soon are "Chronic Kickers." Ever have your kidneys kick. Know where they strike? Perhaps you have had a bad back, a lame, weak or aching one. Didn't know the cause. Well, that's how the Kidneys Kick. The kidneys are near the small of the back and when their work gets too hard, they warn you. Your back aches, is weak or lame. Help the kidneys out or many troubles come. Kidney troubles, Urinary troubles and oft mes Bright's disease. There is only one kidney helper always at hand. DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS are perfect mechanics in their line and made for kidneys only. If you would help the Kidneys, take DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS. For any Kidney ills take DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS, because they cure. Here is Massillon proof that this is so.

PLUM STREET.

Mrs. Wm. Curtis, No. 49 Plum street, says: "Since my first child was born, I have been troubled with my kidneys—my back aching a great part of the time, and a little worse as the months flew by, with a dull steady ache. My back and kidneys grew so sore that I could not lean against the seat while in church. I could not wear a corset, even the weight of my clothes hurt and dragged the life out of me and at night I had to lie on three pillows and in the morning my back was so sore and lame that I could hardly get out of bed. I took medicine to get relief from the terrible disease, but had never been able to get a permanent cure until one evening when my husband was reading the paper, he remarked: 'Here is a chance for you to get cured, from the way this reads I am inclined to think it will help you. I wish you would go down to Baltzly's drug store and get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills.' I got a box and they relieved me at once, and continued to help me. Now my back is stronger than it has been in years and the old symptoms I had so long have disappeared. If this statement will encourage others to try Doan's Kidney Pills you are welcome to use it. I am sure they will never regret giving the pill a fair trial."

All Druggists keep Doan's Kidney Pills, price 50c per box. Remember the name, DOAN'S, and accept no substitute.

North Grant Street.

Mr. J. A. Flynn, of 38 North Grant street, a salesman in the Bee Hive says: "My father died with disease of the kidneys, and for the past five or six years I have been inclined to think that I have inherited it, for my kidneys have been troubling me for that length of time. My back ached a good part of the time, and was always aggravated when I caught cold or stood on my feet all day during the busy hours. Often sharp stitches attacked me, especially right after I had retired for the night, that felt as if some one had given me a sharp blow across the loins, and accompanying this there was a urinary weakness. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Baltzly's drug store and since taking them all symptoms of the old complaint have passed away. One box did all I could ask for and I can heartily recommend the remedy for kidney troubles." Some time when you are in the Bee Hive and have your back aching so badly that you don't care if you get what you want or not your main thoughts are to get home and in some easy position, it would be a favorable time to ask Mr. Flynn what he thinks of Doan's Kidney Pills; what he tells you can be depended upon.

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, Sole Agents for the United States.

Special Announcement For Wide-Awake People

Cut out this Coupon on Dotted Lines:

Furniture, Pictures, Mirrors, Carpets, Drapery, Rugs, Matting, Curtain Poles, Window Shades, Stoves, Ranges, Gasoline Stoves, Refrigerators, Stove Furnishings, Dishes, Chamber Sets, Lamps, Baby Carriages. Good for 20 cents on a dollar from April 5th to April 10th inclusive. Present this coupon and cash to the salesman at the time of purchase and he will deduct 20 cents on each dollar's worth of goods purchased.

COUPON.

We're Willing to Pay You

For knowledge which we want to gain. We want to know whether the "The Buyers Guide" or "The Independent" is the best advertising medium. It is worth 20 cents on every dollar's worth of sales made from April 5th to 10th inclusive, for us to know this. we spend a good deal of money with each paper. The outlay of this much money makes it worth while for us to give up our profits for six days. We will therefore, give you Twenty Cents on each Dollar's worth of purchases you make, during the week, commencing April 5th. Coupons cannot be accepted after this time. But we must be sure that you came to us through the influence of our advertisement either in "The Buyers Guide" or "The Independent."

Bedroom Suites.	COUCHES	Combination Book Case	STOVES
\$15.00 Suites less 20 per ct.=\$12.50	\$ 5.00 Couches less 20 per ct.=\$4.00	\$ 8.50 bookcase less 20% =\$ 6.80	\$ 8.50 Stoves less 20 per ct.=\$ 6.80
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Profits Given Away for One Week.

Benedict's White Palace, ...63-65... S. Erie St.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.
Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Edwin Baltzly is home from Case school.

Miss Florence Hardy is visiting friends at Beach City.

Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Miss Hunt and Mrs. Corns returned from New York this morning.

Mrs. Josiah Faantz and Mrs. Isaac Keller are spending a few days in Mineral Point.

Harry Smith, who has signed to catch for the Buffalo team, will leave for that city April 10.

Massillon relatives and family friends have been informed of the death of Mrs. Jerome Zerbe, at Cleveland.

Cards from Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Gardner, enclosing cards almost as small and dainty as the little one herself, announce the arrival of Esther Theresa Gardner on March 29th.

Miss Jessie Kelly and Miss Charlene Sperry, of Knoxville, Ia., who are attending school at Oberlin, are spending their Easter vacation with the latter's sister, Mrs. Geo. Kinne.

Default has been made on the April coupon of the Wheeling & Lake Erie first mortgage bonds of 1926 and a protective committee is being formed in the interest of the bondholders.

The management of the Military band wishes to state that it has sent out no authorized agent to solicit money for the purchase of music or anything else. Persons representing themselves as such are impostors.

Mr. John Whitmer failed to notice a projecting spike in a log on the towpath Thursday, until he found himself floundering in the canal. The next thing he did was to remove the spike to guard against future mishap.

A bulky package was delivered to Louis Witt, the other day. He paid \$1 express charges, and then discovered that he was the possessor of six heavy paving bricks. He has not succeeded in finding the perpetrator of the affair.

His friends told him that to leap from the surface to the bottom of the west side gravel pit was too great an undertaking for any person, but Arthur Seiler, who is a very small boy and resides in West Main street, insisted on doing it. He feels badly shaken up, today, and his wrist is broken.

Mrs. Treat, who comes to Massillon next week, is one of the foremost kindergarten trainers in the United States, as well as one of the best organizers of kindergarten associations. Her work extends from Texas to Canada. Last year she gave talks or series of talks in fifty-four different cities.

John H. Shoemaker, a milk man residing north of the city, unfortunately lost \$200 from his coat pocket this morning, either in Front or North streets. A careful search was made, but as yet no trace of the package of bills has been found. Mr. Shoemaker was on his way to town to pay farm rent.

Mrs. John Winkelman feels it her duty to thus publicly declare the rumor that she and her husband had ceased to harmonize as being entirely false. She says they now have comfortable quarters in the Union Hotel, and that she is well satisfied with Mr. Winkelman and is as happy as a bride of three weeks is popularly supposed to be.

Loiterers about the Ft. Wayne depot in Canton were startled Friday afternoon by a strange young man declaring that he had murdered his brother and sister in Cleveland and was then trying to elude officers who were on his trail. The Canton police soon had the fellow in charge and he gave the name of Joseph Morgan. The Cleveland police were notified, but replied that Morgan had never resided there.

Edwin Howard leaves tomorrow for Richmond, Ind., where he will join an orchestra as a violinist. The orchestra is employed to furnish music at the estate insane asylum during certain hours of the day, and is composed of good musicians at lucrative salaries. Several times before this position has been offered Mr. Howard, but until the present time he has never seen his way clear to accept it. The best wishes of his many friends accompany him.

A company is being organized to take the place of the defunct Canton Driving Park Association and arrange for several race meetings during the coming summer. John C. Welty and A. M. McCarty, former officers of the old company, are among the promoters. August 17, 18 and 19 have already been selected for a series of horse races, and the fair grounds have been secured from Lessees Bostick & Yost. It is probable that other dates will be arranged.

A two days convention of the Epworth League for the Canton district was closed in Lisbon Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, William Johns, of Massillon; vice presidents, Jessie Davidson, of Canton; Mrs. J. C. Gorsuch, of Washingtonville; Frank Filler, Salem; Blanch Lach, Bolivar; corresponding secretary, Arletta Yost, Massillon; recording secretary, C. C. Chain, New Waterford; treasurer, Alice Fording, Alliance.

A solid train load of bridges was shipped on Thursday afternoon by the Massillon Bridge Company for use on the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia Railway. The consignment consists wholly of plate girders, with the exception of one seventy-three foot highway bridge, which goes to Indiana. The remainder of the material includes four spans seventy feet long, three spans forty feet long, and four spans thirty feet long. The company has many orders and the outlook is bright.

M. A. Hanna & Co. have made arrangements with the Wheeling & Lake Erie railway company, to handle the output of the coal mines on the line of the road, and heretofore controlled by the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Coal company, and take general charge of their coal business. R. C. Vance has been appointed as the company's representative in Toledo. He was formerly connected with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Coal company and is fully qualified to take charge of the company's interests.

John B. Lomas left, Friday afternoon, for his Bethlehem township farm, where, amid the green fields and running brooks,

he will woo the inspiration that will give to the world lines more beautiful and pleasing than the "Wagon" Wheel" or any of the others that have already made him great. His latest work is a sweet little thing of forty-nine verses of poetry and several pages of prose which he calls "She is Over the Sea." He wrote it in Mrs. Kessler's kitchen, and he modestly admits that its charm and elegance were born of his surroundings.

Agent E. P. Edgar, of the U. S. & W. railway, reports a considerable increase in local freight business during the past month, and says that business generally is picking up. Agent Hansen, of the W. & L. E. road, makes a report as favorable, and states that he has noticed a steady increase in freight traffic for the past five months. This cannot be said of coal traffic, however, as the mines have been working very irregularly. There was also a marked improvement in the Ft. Wayne company's business, both freight and passenger, during March, over the corresponding month last year. Prospects for an exceedingly prosperous year are extremely flattering.

Mr. W. R. Malone, principal of the Massillon high school a few years ago, recently resigned as principal of the Salt Lake City high school in order to accept a position as superintendent of agencies of the New York Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Columbus. Mr. Malone organized the Salt Lake City high school, which, during his first year there, had forty pupils. There are now 500 high school pupils and a corps of twenty teachers. French, German and Spanish are taught, together with the other usual high school studies. Mr. Malone left his school with considerable regret in order to engage in a more lucrative calling. He spent the afternoon in Massillon.

Frank L. Baldwin, of Massillon, has been appointed one of the executors of the will of his uncle, the late Sylvester J. Miller, of Cleveland. The exact value of the estate is unknown, but it must amount to several hundred thousand dollars. The will was presented to the probate court on Wednesday. To his granddaughter, Edith B. Tighman, Mr. Miller gives the rental of a piece of property known as the Holly block, at the corner of Central avenue and Broadway, during her life. Oliver P. Allen is to receive \$1,000 per year during his life and at his death the annuity goes to his wife. The sum of \$5,000 is given to Frederick B. Tighman. To Sylvester M. Neville \$10,000 is given, also the carriage and the hunting outfit owned by the deceased. One-half of the residue of the entire estate will be given to the heirs of Amanda M. Neville and the other half goes to Edith B. Tighman and to her heirs. Sylvester M. Neville and Frank L. Baldwin are named as executors of the will. If any attempt is made by any of the beneficiaries of the will to contest it, it is provided that he will forfeit all rights in the estate.

BLOCKED BY FORAKER.

President McKinley Still Wishes to Honor William Storer—The Senator Asked to Withdraw His Objections, May Rescind Forestry Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Senator Foraker, before leaving for Ohio to spend a few days, had a few minutes' conversation with President McKinley at the White House and left a large bundle of applications for postmasterships and minor offices. In connection with Senator Foraker's visit the news is a revival of the report at the White House that Mr. McKinley is anxious to appoint ex-Congressman William Storer of Cincinnati to the position of assistant secretary of state. It is stated that Senator Foraker can be induced to withdraw his opposition. Colonel Woodcock, the present incumbent, desires the mission to the flowery kingdom.

Senator James of West Virginia made an arrangement with the president to take over West Virginia offices next week. Representative Hicks of Pennsylvania introduced four Altoona constituents who want offices and Senator Burrows, ex-Senator Palmer of Michigan, Senator Proctor of Vermont and Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania also saw Mr. McKinley.

All the members of the cabinet were present at the meeting. Secretary Sherman, who was unable to attend last Tuesday on account of illness, was present. The cabinet was in session a little over an hour and a half. The only question of public importance discussed was the question of rescinding the order of ex-President Cleveland setting apart 21 forest reservations in the west. This question has engaged the attention of Secretary Bliss for some time. The secretary took to the White House the maps and papers relating to the matter.

The discussion of the forestry question was at times very vigorous, and all the members took part. The outcome was instructions that the national forestry commission be summoned to Washington to talk over their work with the president. It is understood that the sentiment was unanimous that President Cleveland's proclamation was too comprehensive.

The president announced his purpose to act on conservative lines and not to act without more information.

Sylvester Scovel, the newspaper correspondent who was imprisoned in Cuba, saw Mr. McKinley. Between 500 and 600 persons were present at the public reception. They were received in line, and immediately after the reception closed Mr. McKinley went out for his daily walk.

Cyclone In Arkansas.

WARREN, Ark., April 3.—A cyclone has passed over the southern portion of Cleveland county, destroying 12 or 15 county residences and wounding 10 or 15 persons. Will Shirley was killed and others were seriously injured.

McKINLEY TO CRUISE.

He Will Likely Take a Recreative Trip on the Dolphin.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President McKinley has in contemplation a brief vacation from his official duties. The month in the White House has been a trying one, and while not in any way imposed, he feels that a few days rest will benefit him greatly.

Nothing has been determined yet it is probable that he will avail himself of the presence here of the dispatch boat Dolphin and go down the Potomac river for a couple of days about the middle of next week. He prefers this means of diversion rather than going to a public resort.

ONE CLAUSE NOW A LAW.

Gage to Enforce Retroactive Tariff Feature Today.

CLAIMS HE HAS THE AUTHORITY.

He and Assistant Secretary Howell Construct Section 249 of the Revised Statutes as Giving the Right For Such Action—Will Restrict Imports.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary Gage has announced that he has decided to comply with the requirements of section 27 of the pending tariff bill providing for the retention of samples of merchandise imported under orders given subsequent to April 1, and which were not purchased and directed by the owner to be shipped for import into the United States prior to April 1.

This action, however, will be taken under section 249 of the revised statutes, which authorizes the secretary to exercise superintendence over the collection of customs duties. It is the opinion of Secretary Gage and the new assistant secretary, Mr. Howell, that no insurmountable difficulties will be encountered in the administration of this feature of the tariff bill.

There can be no difficulty, it is said, as to articles which are to pay a specific duty, and as the whole tariff bill was framed with a general view to specific rather than ad valorem duties, a large proportion of the dutiable articles will be disposed of without the necessity of retaining samples.

In some special cases where the retention of samples would obviously work hardship to the importers, such as a large and miscellaneous invoice of furniture it is thought that this requirement may be waived on a clear stipulation as to character and value.

The new regulations probably will be promulgated today.

The Republican members of the senate committee on finance are continuing their work day and night on the tariff bill with the intention of reporting it to the senate at the earliest possible date. They are not yet prepared to give out any of the results of their investigations, and say when approached upon the subject that they have not as yet reached any conclusions upon any schedules of the bill. There is, however, a well defined impression about the senate that the bill will be generally re-modeled and the rates considerably reduced in many of the schedules. A member of the committee is quoted by another senator as authority for the specific statement that carpet duties would be cut. There is also general belief among western senators that there will be material changes in the rates on wools, especially on those of the third class.

A strong effort will be made to have naphthalene black placed upon the dutiable list. Representatives of other wool blacks are now in the city, and have brought the matter to the attention of the committee.

They call attention to the fact that this product is not an alizarin, and say that it is unjustly so classified. The ways and means committee of the house originally agreed to leave it out of the dutiable list and place it with other coal tar dyes, but changed their minds the last day the bill was before the house. The incident has brought out a vigorous protest from persons interested in other blacks, who say that the naphthalene patent is owned by a foreign house, that it will give to this establishment a monopoly and will deprive the government of \$500,000 revenue annually.

Among other suggestions which have been urged upon the committee are the following: A return to the Wilson law of 8 cents a pound duty on hops instead of the 15 cents provided by the Dingley bill. It is claimed that the proposed increase will be an injury rather than a benefit to the producer and a hardship to the consumer.

A uniform rate on all imported tobacco suitable for cigar purposes. It is asserted that the enactment of the Dingley rates into law would result in throwing 300,000 cigarmakers out of employment.

A reduction of the rate on gold leaf, silver leaf, aluminum leaf and composition or dutch metal.

A reduction on the rate of 10 cents a pound on gum elastic, the basis of pure chewing gum. Some of the manufacturers urge that this article should be made free because, it is, they say, "the poor man's luxury."

There is also much contention about the lumber schedule as there is about many other schedules. The American lumbermen interested in Canadian forests appear to be especially concerned over the Dingley rates. The committee is not receiving any verbal statements, except from senators, but it is giving close attention to typewritten presentations of fact and argument. Few promises are being made even to senators. There is, therefore, no basis for any, but the most general prediction as to the fate of the bill at the hands of the Republican senators.

ULTIMATUM TO SPAIN.

Olney's Strong Talk Concerning Abuse of American Tobacco Importers.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The closing chapter of the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Spain respecting the prohibition of tobacco exports from Cuba, as shown in the foreign relations just published, will be very comforting to the tobacco importers. Secretary Olney had been complaining, without much avail, of the detention in Cuba of tobacco that had been contracted for or was even in the possession of would-be exporters before the decree was issued suspending imports. Finally came this ultimatum, on Feb. 12 last, in a note to Minister Taylor at Madrid, signed by Secretary Olney.

"There being now no reason to believe that the promised relief will be granted, you are instructed to inform the Spanish minister for foreign affairs that his government will be held responsible for the indemnification of citizens of the United States in every instance, whether heretofore specifically presented or not, in which tobacco owned by such citizens or contracted for by them prior to the promulgation of the order of May 16, 1896, prohibiting exportation of tobacco, has been detained under that order."

TRUSTED ONCE TOO OFTEN.

A Chicago Firm's Old Employee Helps Assault and Rob a Messenger.

CHICAGO, April 3.—A messenger employed by the wholesale woolen firm of Kuhn, Nathan & Fisher has been robbed of \$3,500, after being beaten into insensibility by two men, one of whom had been sent with the box to protect him and the firm's money. Detectives are searching for the robbers. The messenger is in the hospital at the point of death. He is Chris Schultz, a 17-year old lad, who was the trusted messenger of the firm. One of the robbers was Edward Wilson, employed by the firm as a teamster. The assailant is not known. Both Schultz and Wilson have been in the employ of Kuhn, Nathan & Fisher for several years, and were always seen to be on good terms, sometimes with thousands of dollars at a time.

Schultz and Wilson were sent to the Metropolitan National bank to collect \$3,500. Taking a light delivery wagon the two drove to the bank, where Schultz procured the money, which he put in a small satchel. The two then started back in front of the Rock Island depot. A Pacific avenue and Vanuren street, a stranger called to Wilson and, after a few words of greeting, got into the covered wagon, taking a position directly behind Schultz, who was on the seat with Wilson. Suddenly he was struck a blow on the head. Before he could cry out he was struck a second and a third time and he fell back unconscious into the wagon. The two men then tied his wrists and feet, put a gag in his mouth and tied a gunnysack over his head. They then drove rapidly to Twelfth street, where they stopped, and taking the satchel containing the money disappeared. It was over an hour afterward that some inquisitive person discovered the unconscious boy in the wagon.

DICK NATIONAL SECRETARY.

General Osborne Resigns and the Akron Man Takes His Place.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—General William M. Osborne of Boston, recently appointed consul general to London, has resigned the secretaryship of the Republican national committee. Senator Hanna, as chairman of the committee, appointed Major Charles Dick of Akron, O., to fill the vacancy.

Major Dick is 38 years old and is one of the most widely known young politicians in the country. He is a leader of the Republican party in Ohio, having been three times chairman of the state executive committee, and a delegate to the national conventions of 1892 and 1896. During the last national campaign he was secretary of the western headquarters at Chicago. He will be in charge of the permanent national headquarters in this city.

A RIVER STEAMER LOST.

Five Persons Reported to Have Been Lost in Alabama.

COLUMBIA, Ala., April 3.—The steamer J. P. C. Griggs of the Independent line has sunk in the Chattahoochee river near this point. Five persons are reported lost. The accident was caused by a drift log striking the hull of the steamer. An effort to drive the boat ashore failed, the water coming in so rapidly through the hole in her side that she sank in a few minutes. Engineer Waterbury, a negro boat hand and a lady passenger were reported to have perished.

Randolph Russell, son of Congressman Benjamin Russell of Bainbridge, was on the boat, but escaped by swimming ashore.

NO SUCCESSOR TO BLACKBURN.

Situation in Kentucky Looks Like a Permanent Deadlock.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 3.—The Republican and Democratic steering committees have reached an agreement by which only a formal ballot is to be taken for senator today and no effort will be made to elect. No interesting developments are therefore expected in the contest before next week.

The situation now looks more like a permanent deadlock, ending in no election, than it has at any time during the session.

Miners Refuse the Rate.

MONROVIA CITY, Pa., April 3.—Notices were posted in the Black Diamond, Old Eagle and Mongah mines, saying that a 2-cent rate for mining would go into effect. The miners at Black Diamond refused to accept and, as a result, the mines are idle. Mongah and Old Eagle men are still working, but it is probable that they will also refuse to accept the reduction.

A Tragedy in Kentucky.

HYDEN, Ky., April 3.—Tom Oglethorpe, a prosperous farmer, accused his wife of having been intimate with Henry Schneider, a farm hand. They quarreled, and Oglethorpe's wife left him. Oglethorpe then killed Schneider and himself.

Hemorrhage Killed Him.

PIQUA, O., April 3.—Thomas Quigley, an employee of the stove works, while on an errand up street, was taken with a hemorrhage of the lungs and expired in a few minutes. He was 36 years old and came here from Cincinnati six years ago.

10,000 Men May Strike.

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—The 10,000 union brewery employees in Milwaukee have submitted a demand for eight hours work a day for ten hours' pay. Should no agreement be reached by Monday a strike probably will be ordered.

Desperate Fight With Outlaws.

ARDMORE, I. T., April 3.—A posse had a desperate fight with outlaws. The desperadoes are seven in number and three of them are known to have been wounded in the engagement. None of the officers were injured.

Harrington Is Restored.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Mr. D. W. Harrington, whose resignation as chief of division of accounts, treasury department, was required by Secretary Carlisle early in the last administration, has been restored to his position.

A Powder Plant Wrecked.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 3.—All the buildings of the Shamokin Powder company have been completely wrecked by a terrific explosion. Fortunately there were no lives lost, all of the workmen having gone to their homes. Several dwelling were damaged.

THE CRUISE TO HONOLULU.

Secretary Long Denies Any Significance in Philadelphia's Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary Long is authority for the statement that the orders of the flagship Philadelphia to proceed to Honolulu have no significance. It is said at the state department that the movement has not been requested by it, as would have been the case had the threatened trouble between the Japanese and the Hawaiian government entered into the calculations of the navy department. The Philadelphia is to relieve the Marion, which arrived on the station, relieving the Alert, about two weeks ago.

The reason for the change, it is said to be a belief on the part of the secretary of the navy that from the importance of Honolulu commercially and other wise the United States should have a ship of higher class than the Marion stationed there. The Philadelphia, while a modern and powerful cruiser, is sadly out of condition in many respects and it was the intention of the department just as soon as the repairs to the Baltimore were completed to use

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A Break in the Levee at Austin, Miss., Feared, Which Would Inundate Miles of Fertile Country. The Upper Valley Suffering From High Water.

MEMPHIS, April 3.—The flood situation has once more become acute from a point a few miles above Austin, Miss., as far down as the first break at Perthshire, Miss., and a crevasse in this line of levees would not be surprising. The pressure on the levee is brought about by the waters of the St. Francis river, which is here congested between the levees in front of Helena.

Several alarming telegrams have been received from near Austin, and the situation is most grave. Boats have been requested to run on slow bells and laborers are constantly strengthening the embankments. A crevasse at Austin would inundate a strip of fertile country in Tunica and Coahoma counties 20 miles wide and 60 miles long.

Reports from Helena, Ark., show that the river there is still slowly rising, and it is almost miraculous that the levees at Helena have not been swept away. Thousands of people have been working day and night, and their energies are seemingly exhausted. The Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt railroads have rushed train load after train load of sacked sand into the beleaguered city and still stand ready to help the Helena people. The railroads have rendered great assistance to the levee boards. The Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt railways have devoted all their great forces to the work of saving the country, and that without charge.

Greenville is on an island and Rosedale, Miss., is in water from five to ten feet deep. Thousands of head of cattle are standing on the levee and many unfortunate refugees sleep there with no covering to protect them from the watersoaked winds of night. Back of Rosedale and throughout the lower and middle delta country everything is under water. In many villages no communication with the outside world has been had for several days. The Mississippi above Cairo and the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers will send a great flood into the already filled St. Francis basin, and from Cairo to Memphis it is feared that the deluge will mark a high water figure that will be without precedent.

At Memphis the river is steadily falling. The calls for assistance from numerous points along the river are becoming more frequent at headquarters of the relief committee at Memphis.

There are some 15 or 20 white people, principally women and children, in great distress at a point near St. Clair's landing. These people are located in houses, the lower floors of which are overflowed, and they have no food and no means of obtaining it. Arrangements were made to send supplies.

St. PAUL, April 3.—The Mississippi river here has reached a stage of 16 feet and it is still rising slowly. This is the highest point reached since the great flood of 1881. The residents of the flats had ample warning to save themselves and their property. Between Minneapolis and St. Paul 1,000 families have been made homeless by the flood. They lived on the flats along the river side and in the lowlands of West St. Paul.

St. LOUIS, April 3.—The heavy rains of the past two days are having an effect on the streams tributary to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. As a result they are pouring torrents into those rivers and flooding the lowlands through which they flow, causing considerable damage, but, as far as known, no casualties. Mr. Frankfield says the two points where the greatest danger will exist are Hannibal, Mo., and Quincy, Ills.

SPAIN CLAIMS BIG VICTORIES.

Insurrection Reported Almost Quelled in the Philippine Islands.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Spanish legation has received official dispatches from Madrid under date of April 1, announcing the most decisive engagements in the Philippine islands since the insurrection there began. The strongly entrenched towns of Novelda, Lecban and Rosario were stormed and taken by the Spanish troops. At the same time the Spanish fleet shelled the seaport town of Cavite Vago and other strategic points leading to the insurgent stronghold of Imus.

The losses were heavy, and 1,680 prisoners surrendered as a result of the shelling of Cavite Vago. The fleet in the operation included the cruisers Renacimiento, Don Juan d'Austria, Isla de Luzon, Isla de la Cuba and Maria de Molina. With these were a number of gunboats and light draught ships for maneuvering through adjacent swamps. The officials of the Spanish legation are highly gratified at the announcements, and state that the results practically close the conflict in the islands, these being the last of a series of severe engagements.

HER to replace the Philadelphia as flagship of the Pacific station and to put the latter craft out of commission and thoroughly renovate her. As for the Marion, it is conjectured that she may be sent onward to Samoa to show the United States flag in that quarter of the globe for the first time in four years.

Crown Prince of Japan Not Dead.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Japanese legation has received a dispatch from the consul general at San Francisco saying that the recent reports of the death of the crown prince of Japan and the succession of Prince Arisgowa as heir apparent were entirely unfounded.

Two Firebugs Sentenced.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Hugh Miller, the firebug convicted 24 hours after arrest, has been sentenced in Brooklyn to 20 years' imprisonment. Adolph Steinberg, another firebug, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

Attempt of Incendiarism.

HAZLETON, Pa., April 3.—Incendiarism have made an attempt to destroy the No. 3 mine of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, near here.

ENTERTAINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

He Gave a Dinner to Members of Ways and Means Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President McKinley gave a dinner of 27 covers at the White House last night, the guests including the present and past members of the ways and means committee of the house now in congressional life and a few others. The occasion gave an opportunity to the president to renew in a social way the friendships formed while a member of the house, as a number of those present were his associates in that body during his congressional career.

The guests were: Vice President Hobart, Speaker Reed, Attorney General McKenna, Senators Burrows, Gear and Mills, Representatives Dingley, Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell (Conn.), Deliver, Steele, Johnson (N. D.), Evans, Tawney, Bailey, McMillin, Wheeler (Ala.), McLaurin, Robertson (La.), Swanson, Cannon and Henderson and Hon. William A. Russell of Massachusetts.

WEYLER GETTING SAINTLY.

He Has High Personages Arrested For a Hospital Scandal.

HAVANA, April 3.—Dispatches from Cienfuegos, province of Santa Clara, announces that Captain General Weyler has ordered the arrest and imprisonment of the chief of police there, Senor Merina, several police inspectors and 35 other persons. It appears that the captain general, while visiting the marine hospital, which contained 20 patients, made inquiries which elicited the information that the rations there were of a poorer quality than those served in the military hospitals, where there are 300 patients.

Among those who are said to be implicated in the scandal is a prominent property owner and a member of the Santa Clara provincial deputation. It is further believed that the responsibility will reach other and more important persons of high social standing. It is also said that several officers of high rank will shortly be arrested in connection with the same affair.

Court-martialing General Rivera.

HAVANA, April 3.—The report sent out from Key West to the effect that General Rivera was shot at sunrise yesterday morning is untrue. The trial by court-martial of General Rivera is being proceeded with behind closed doors at San Cristobal.

Political Row Among Wheelmen.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Chief Consul Fred Patee of the Illinois division, L. A. W., has demanded of President Potter that George K. Barrett, who got out the political circular intended to pledge the wheelmen's vote to Carter Harrison for mayor of Chicago, be suspended from the league.